

ALL MANHATTAN IS AUTOMOBILE MAD

Great Vanderbilt Cup Race to
Be Witnessed by Two
Hundred Thousand.

ENTHUSIASTS ARE ALREADY ON GROUND

Gay Scenes on the "Great White
Way" as the Procession Moved
Along It to the Ferry,
and Passed Into
the Spectral
Gloom.

NEW YORK, October 23.—To-night for all practical purposes the universe means to some 200,000 enthusiasts nothing more than the few square miles of country encompassed within the Long Island county roads and the new motor parkway, over which to-morrow's Vanderbilt cup race is to be run.

The real start was made to-night, in Manhattan, where at as early as 10 o'clock the procession formed in Herald Square, and thousands turned their faces toward the ferry. Along the "Great White Way" it was a night of revelry. Every hotel had been filled to overflowing. Here, in the early hours of the evening the revelers sat, discussing the chances of their respective favorites. Those who had paid \$50 for six feet of roadside across which to park their cars, lingered at the tables, recalling the glories of past Vanderbilt races. Of the drivers, who will start at daybreak, only four—Chevrolet, Cutmore, Lytle and Keene—have ever steered a car in Vanderbilt. It will be a contest of new drivers and old cars.

Spectral Crowd Passes.
Never before in the history of the sport have as many automobiles invaded peaceful Long Island in one night as crossed over the ferry to-night.

Breaking the tense silence of the countryside, the spectral shapes went by, awakening the sleeping echoes, and shreds of song and the sounds of laughter were heard across the numb and heavy atmosphere. What cared they for the drizzle and the rain? They were looking for a new kind of splendor, and wet roads would only add to the danger of the race.

The amateur soldiers of the Irish Volunteer Regiment, leaving at their Springfield rifles, had already taken up their station around the course when the first cars arrived, and the first trains unloaded their struggling human freight. With them stord the deputy sheriffs of Nassau county, a resolute body for the protection of life and the maintenance of order.

On the Grounds.
Bathed in the night light of country fair oil torches, rudimentary grandstands yawned from the roadside as yet unfilled. Everywhere, with strident voices, were hucksters offering sandwiches and coffee at unmentionable prices. Within the fenced limits of the cement parkway the scene was more orderly.

For those who had reserved space within this sacred inclosure, the day began later. Several hundreds of them remained at nearby hotels, trying vainly to sleep. Everywhere was motion and commotion.

Away in camps at Amityville, Westbury, Jericho, Hicksville, the drivers and their mechanics prepared for the struggle, the camp attendants serving them as masseurs and bandaging them from head to foot with narrow tape to prevent aching muscles from the throbs and vibrations of their cars.

The hour of the start is 6:30, and 253.08 miles are to be covered in eleven times around a circuit of 23.45.

Following is a list of entries, giving name of driver, name of car, nationality and by whom entered:
James Florida, Locomobile, American, factory.
Alfred Dennison, Knox, American, factory.
Emile Strickler, Mercedes, German, factory.
W. C. Luitgen, Mercedes, German, factory.
Herbert Lytle, Isotta, Italian, C. V. Brook.
James B. Riall, Mathewson, American, factory.
H. J. Kilpatrick, Hotchkiss, French, Hotchkiss, Import Company.
Louis Chevrolet, Locomobile, American, factory.
George Robertson, Locomobile, American, factory.
Lewis Strang, Renault, French, Paul Lacroix.
Foxhall Keene, Mercedes, German, factory.
W. G. Gill, Thomas, American, factory.
William Bourque, Knox, American, factory.

One Man Is Killed.
In the rush to the race to-night a man was killed in Jackson Avenue, between 42nd and 43rd streets.

Patrick Ball tried to cross the avenue to his home at a point almost in front of his own door, but became confused by the blinding glare of the headlights on the continuous stream of passing automobiles and stepped in front of a trolley car. The forward wheels of the car crushed Ball, killing him instantly.

Young Kern Slightly Improved.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 23.—There was a shade of improvement in the condition of John W. Kern, Jr., to-night. His father was at his bedside.

"He is perhaps a little better to-night," said Mr. Kern, "but the improvement is so slight that we can scarcely notice it. He had a fairly comfortable day to-day. The forward wheels of the car crushed Ball, killing him instantly.

Whether Mr. Kern will continue his campaign trip next week will depend entirely upon the condition of his son.
Lieutenant Rogers Dead.
WASHINGTON, D. C., October 23.—Word has been received at the Navy Department of the death at Cavite, Philippine Islands, of First Lieutenant A. C. Rogers, of the Marine Corps. He was a native of Texas.

STUART IN SOUTHWEST

Will Devote Time to Campaigning for Democratic Nominee for Congress.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, VA., October 23.—The Hon. Henry C. Stuart, who was here this week to attend a meeting of the district Democratic campaign committee, stated that he would remain in the district until after the election, and would make speeches for the Hon. J. Cloyd Byars, the Democratic candidate for Congress.

The following list of appointments for the remainder of the campaign in the Ninth District was announced from the Byars headquarters:
Congressman Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, and Mr. Byars, in Bristol, at the Opera House, October 30th; at Ivanhoe, some other point along the Cripple Creek Road, October 31st; at Waverly, October 29th, and Marlton, October 30th (day); Barbecue and Democratic rally at Big Stone Gap, October 31st. The speakers will include Henry C. Stuart, Mr. Byars and Congressman Glass.

Henry C. Stuart and R. Tate Irvine, at Gate City, October 31st (night).
Ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler, Smyth county, all next week, and in Wythe county later part of this week.

Governor Swanson and United States Senator Thomas E. Martin, Bristol, next Monday night, either at Aldermore or Bristol, Tenn., courthouse.
Governor Swanson and United States Senator Martin, at Abingdon, October 24th; at Pulaski, October 25th.

United States Senator John W. Daniel and J. C. Byars, at Grundy, Buchanan county, October 24th; Clintwood, Dickenson county, October 26th.

Henry C. Stuart, Lebanon, October 24th; Honaker, October 24th; Tazewell, October 25th; Graham, October 28th; Pocahontas, October 28th (night).
Judge Martin Williams, of Pearisburg, will spend next week in Lee county.

Hon. E. M. Carter, of Scott, will speak in Scott, Lee and Russell counties this week and next week.
Hon. R. Tate Irvine and J. F. Bullitt, of Big Stone Gap; W. H. Werth, of Tazewell; H. C. Gilmer, of Pulaski; Abraham Campbell and J. J. Stuart, of Abingdon.

Other prominent speakers who will be heard where in the district before the election.

JEROME SAVED M'CURDY

Grand Jury Had Indicted Insurance Man—He Secured a Withdrawal.

NEW YORK, October 23.—The World to-day prints a certified copy of the indictment returned by the grand jury in connection with the insurance withdrawal of 1898, which caused the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, to be placed in liquidation.

An indictment against Richard A. M'Curdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, was found by a special grand jury on June 11, 1908, the same day that it found the indictment against Walter R. Gillette and Robert A. Granville, subordinates of Mr. M'Curdy in the Mutual Life.

"On that same day District Attorney William Travers Jerome appeared before the grand jury in the capacity of a prosecutor, and made a plea that the indictment against M'Curdy be withheld.

In his plea the district attorney admitted that M'Curdy was guilty of the crime charged in the indictment, but declared that the indictment was a false report made by the Mutual Life to the State Insurance Department, and that the charge against M'Curdy was not sustained by the evidence.

"He assured the grand jury that M'Curdy had been released, and had pledged to return in September, 1909, or five months before the alleged crime was committed.

"The grand jury, after a deliberation of several hours, returned a verdict of acquittal, and M'Curdy was released.

CONSIDERS PORTO RICO

Lake Mohonk Conference Notes the Advancement in Government.

LAKE MOHONK, N. Y., October 23.—The Mohonk conference of the friends of the Indians and other dependent peoples to-day continued its twenty-fifth session with the consideration of conditions in Porto Rico and the adoption of a platform.

The platform notes the advancement which has been made in recent years in the methods of governmental dealings with the Indians.

"A much larger task," the platform continues, "before our country, is the solution of our Indian problems, as well as the method of whose government there is less agreement among our people and our law-givers, in their behalf, as in behalf of all our dependent peoples."

The opening address on Porto Rico was made to-day by Martin J. Leo, Jr., a Porto Rican lawyer, educated at Cornell University.

MONUMENT AT PT. PLEASANT

Plans to Commemorate Virginians' Victory Over Indians Approved.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 23.—Secretary Wright has approved plans for the erection of a beautiful granite shaft, nearly 100 feet in height, on a prominent site in Point Pleasant, W. Va., at the junction of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers, to commemorate the battle of Kanawha. That battle took place October 10, 1774, and was a great victory of the Colonial troops over the Indians.

Congress appropriated the sum of \$10,000 to aid in the erection of the memorial structure. The State of Virginia contributed \$5,000, and the citizens of Point Pleasant donated the ground for the site and approaches.

Virginians Killed.
KINGSTON, N. Y., October 23.—Fred Bowen, a foreman employed by the New York water supply department in the construction of a big siphon at High Falls, was decapitated to-day and two negroes were mortally injured when a huge rock fell into a shaft in which they were working to adjust a floating pump.

Bowen came here from Graham, Va.

REJECTED RIVAL SAYS THE GROOM

They Were Just Starting on
Bridal Tour Hand
in Hand.

JEALOUS, CRAZED MAN THEN TURNS ON BRIDE

Aged Uncle of the Bride, Cool
and Collected, Placed Thumb
Beneath Hammer, Rendering
Weapon Harmless—All
Are of Prominent Louis-
iana Families.

NEW ORLEANS, La., October 23.—On a bride's tour, which had begun scarcely an hour before, and seated in a railroad coach almost between her husband and a former suitor for her hand, Mrs. Fred Van Ingen last night saw the flash of the suitor's revolver, felt the sudden grip of her husband's hand as the bullet killed him, and then turned and fought for her life.

When the girl appeared about to become the victim of the second bullet from the revolver, her uncle, a man with gray hair, but strong and cool under the excitement, rushed up and thrust his thumb beneath the hammer of the revolver, rendering the weapon harmless.

This was the story which the other passengers on the Texas and Pacific railway told when they reached this city to-day, but the principal actors in the tragedy, most of whom are connected with Louisiana's leading families, have so far refused to discuss the matter.

Of Prominent Families.
The former suitor is F. S. Beauve, of Plaquemine, La., at which place he was taken from the train and placed under arrest last night. The unfortunate husband was Professor Fred Van Ingen, a prominent teacher of Alexandria, La., and a relative of former Governor Blanchard. The bride is the daughter of James M. Rhorer, one of the leading officials of Iberall Parish, Louisiana.

Beauve is twenty-four years old and Van Ingen was twenty-three.

The wedding took place yesterday at Alexandria. Beauve was in town having arrived there, it is reported, on the same day as Miss Rhorer. When the bridal couple left for New Orleans he boarded the train alone, and after a time sat in a seat where he was facing Mr. and Mrs. Van Ingen, with the bride between them.

Other passengers say Beauve talked with the bride couple just before the shooting, and that his manner appeared cordial.

The young woman's hand was in her husband's when Beauve suddenly drew his revolver and fired. After being disarmed he submitted to arrest.

CALLS OUT CABINET

Every Member of the President's Official Family to Take the Stump.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 23.—As a result of the cabinet meeting every member of the President's official family will go out some time next week to make political speeches in the States where there is doubt as to the outcome of the campaign, in favor of Judge Taft.

Postmaster-General Meyer will leave for the State of New York and speak in Maryland, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

The campaign engagements in Virginia of Senator Depew, who was scheduled to speak at Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Norfolk and Suffolk, beginning October 25th, have been canceled, and the Senator will take the stump in more doubtful States than Virginia.

Secretary Root, who expected that he would speak only in New York City and New Jersey, has been called into Ohio to go into Ohio and assist in the campaign there.

Secretary Cortelyou will speak in New York City on Thursday night.

Secretary of War Wright will speak in Baltimore next Friday night. He speaks in Richmond on Wednesday night.

Secretary Metcalf will speak in Charleston, W. Va., on October 20th.

Attorney-General Bonaparte will make speeches in New York City next Tuesday.

The other members of the cabinet, Secretaries Wilson, Straus and Garfield, at present are on speaking tours.

HE ATE GREEN APPLES

For This Private in Army Is Discharged, and Must Serve Six Months.

NEW YORK, October 23.—Because he ate green apples after repeated instructions from his superior officer not to do so, Private Bernard Leiser, of Battery F, Third Field Artillery, United States Army, has been dishonorably discharged from the service and sentenced to forfeit all pay and allowances due him, and to be confined at hard labor for six months.

The verdict of the court-martial, which considered the charge against Leiser, found him guilty and imposed sentence, was announced from army headquarters here to-day.

The specific charge was "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in violation of the sixty-second article of war."

It was found that Leiser ate the green apples after having received a lawful order from a sergeant to throw them away. Leiser will serve his sentence at Fort Myer, Va.

Vessels Forced to Anchor.
NORFOLK, VA., October 23.—As the result of continuous northeast storms, many sailing vessels caught at sea have been forced to anchor off the coast. Two were to-day lying off Cape Henry, and three were at anchor close into the dangerous Hatteras coast.

The three-masted schooner Flora Rogers, Captain Lowry, from Georgetown, S. C., for New Haven, Conn., lumber laden, was driven ashore on Bodies Island, N. C., ninety miles south of Cape Henry, early to-day, and now lies a complete wreck on the beach. Captain Lowry and his wife, from Bath, Me., and six men were rescued by the life savers of the Bodies Island and Sigsbee life-saving stations. The Rogers is fast breaking to pieces.

COL. WATTERSON GIVES HIS DENIAL

Says He Never Heard of the
Cleveland Letter Until
Published.

HE KNEW THEN THAT IT WAS NOT GENUINE

When He Learned Who the Lit-
erary Agent Was, He Was Con-
vinced, and Went to Mr.
Carlisle and Urged
Him to Run It
Down.

LOUISVILLE, KY., October 23.—In regard to a statement reported to have been made at Dayton, Ohio, last night by the attorney for Broughton Brannan, "that Colonel Watterson announced before the Cleveland letter was published that it must be discredited by any means," Mr. Watterson to-night said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"I never heard of the alleged Cleveland letter until I read it in the New York Times of Sunday, August 30th. It impressed me at once as fraudulent. I knew that the very name of Mr. Watterson, a prominent teacher of Alexandria, La., and a relative of former Governor Blanchard, was being used in a fraudulent manner."

"I knew enough of Mr. Cleveland's working methods and habits of mind to know that he would put forth nothing so important in such a way. The general tone of the letter was such that I never claimed to be his friend, but I knew that the friendship now formed would last forever, and regret the necessity of bidding you farewell."

Re-Admiral Sperry was accompanied by Rear Admiral Schroeder and Wadsworth, who, with their aids, were kept equally busy exchanging greetings.

The party arrived at the Shimabara station half an hour before the time set for their departure.

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Along the whole route he was given an ovation. The tumult was deafening. On arriving again at the square opposite the station thousands of children waved flags and sang in a hymn of honor.

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YOKOHAMA, October 23.—The series of brilliant functions which have characterized Japan's reception of the American battleship fleet came to a close to-night with a dinner on board the battleship Fujii, the guests of which were confined to the American ambassador, rear-admirals and other officers. There was also a brilliant reception on the battleship Mikasa, to which all the prominent Americans here were invited, with the accompaniments of an illumination of the fleet, fireworks and torchlight processions on shore.

Rear-Admiral Sperry to-day endeared himself to the Japanese people by personally attending the funeral of General Count Nod Zu and placing a wreath on the casket. Later, a luncheon was given at the Shiba Palace, and the admiral, accompanied by his aides, walked from the palace to the Shimabara Railway station, passing along the Ginza, the principal street of Tokio, which was massed with people.

Sperry Hates to Go.
The admiral was almost mobbed by thousands of enthusiastic people, just everywhere he was treated with respect, and thousands sought to shake him by the hand. The stern old admiral was deeply impressed. He said to each person to whom he spoke:

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GOMPERS TO REPLY

Telegraph Mr. Bryan He Is Preparing
to Present President Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, October 23.—National Chairman Mack made public the following telegram from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and received by Mr. Bryan upon his arrival in Jersey City to-night.

"Washington, D. C., Oct. 23, 1908.
"Hon. William J. Bryan, Jersey City, N. J.:
"Just saw President Roosevelt's attack. I am sorry to advise you that I am preparing an answer. Some newspapers are trying to embarrass you by declaring that you will appoint me member of your Cabinet if you are elected President. You may as well have said publicly and unambiguously and frequently declared that under no circumstances would I accept any public office, either elective or appointive, and this declaration is irrevocable. The contest of labor is for justice, and not for power."
(Signed) "SAMUEL GOMPERS."

Contributions to Campaign.
The following contributions were received at the New York headquarters of the Democratic National Committee to-day: John C. McGuinn, of Massachusetts, \$100; James D. Crupp, of Virginia, \$100; Bryan and Kern and Flood Club, Virginia, \$125; "The State," Columbia, S. C., \$1,000, and Bird S. Coler, of Brooklyn, \$250.

ZEPPELIN'S REAPPEARANCE
In Reconstructed Dirigible Makes Successful Flight With Passengers.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, October 23.—The reconstructed Zeppelin dirigible airship, No. 1, made a triumphal appearance and ascension with ten passengers on the morning of October 23 in the air lasted for three and a half hours, and passed without a hitch. The balloon made an average speed of 23.3 miles an hour, at a mean altitude of 5,000 feet. It was propelled by a single motor and then with both motors, the craft made easy progress.

Critical aeronauts and throngs of the populace crowded the shores of Lake Constance from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock, watching the ascent and the flight of the airship. Ascending from the waters of Lake Constance almost horizontally for 500 feet, the craft started on a short voyage overland against a fresh northeast breeze. It swept over the town of Friedrichshafen, and the King of Wurtemberg greeted it. Meanwhile Queen Charlotte, aboard the royal yacht, followed its manoeuvres.

The air vessel seemed constantly to increase its speed, sometimes far surpassing the record of the one destroyed at Echterdingen. While at a height of 1,000 feet the craft performed most wonderful manoeuvres. At an angle of 25 degrees it turned to the right, and then to the left, and spun completely around then all the time steering with the wings opening and closing like window shutters, it raised at the bow and stern at will.

Short, sharp dashes full of speed, followed by a slow glide towards the Rhine Valley, then toward the Rhine Valley. Finally the balloon ascended to the lake and was placed in the floating hall without difficulty. Daily trials of the dirigible will be made until next Monday, when it is probable that an endurance trip will take place.

FATE IN BALANCE
Negotiations on the Russian Proposal Will Be Opened in Berlin To-Day.

ST. PETERSBURG, October 23.—The fate of the Russian proposal to re-knit the broken strands of the Balkan agreement by means of a conference of the powers rests, it is said, on the outcome of the negotiations which Mr. Iswolsky, the Russian foreign minister, will open to-morrow in Berlin.

According to press dispatches received here, the impression is gaining ground in several of the European capitals that the proposal contained in the Russian note will be abandoned on account of the difficulties in the way of formulating a program; but the highest authorities of the foreign office here do not share this view, and point to the obvious impossibility of setting breaches of international compact by any other method than an international conference.

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